(b) if so, since when and the reasons therefor;

(c) the action taken/being taken by the Government for its revival;

(d) whether R.S.P. authorities have submitted any proposal to the Union Government for resumption of work at this quarry; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the time by which the work at this quarry is likely to be resumed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The mining operations at Ispat Dolomite Quarry (IDQ), Baradwar were stopped in June, 1983 because of constant inter-union rivalry leading to frequently disturbed industrial relations.

(c) to (e). A number of rounds of conciliations and discussions were held by Central Labour Directorate as well as Regional Labour Directorate for reopening the mines. In accordance with the minutes agreed to by the Unions dated 28.6.1988, the Rourkela Steel Plant management had taken initiative to award contract on 2.6.1989 but soon, thereafter, on the issue of employment of former contractor's labour, the work could not proceed. The Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), New Delhi has recently held discussions with the Unions and the RSP management to resolve the dispute for reopening of Ispat Dolomite Quarry, Baradwar, wherein RSP mines management and the operating Unions have been asked to discuss the issue bilaterally for an amicable settlement. Date for further discussions will be fixed by Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) on this issue. It is expected that the Rourkela mines' management will discuss the issue with the Unions some time in September, 1991 and will communicate to Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) the outcome of the discussions.

Security in Banks

*624. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the senior officials of banks and police has been held recently for strengthening security in the banks;

(b) if so, the major issues discussed therein; and

(c) the outcome of the meeting with regard to strengthening of the security in the banks?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c). On August 23, 1991 the issue of security measures of banks located in Punjab was reviewed with the officers of the Government of Punjab and representatives of a few banks. It was decided that Banks and the Government of Punjab will take all steps necessary to strengthen the security in the Banks.

Re-Constitution on Inter-State Council

*625. SHRI KASHIRAM RANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to re-constitute the Inter-State Council for disposal of Inter-State and Centre-State disputes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S.B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. the Inter-